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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

22 March 1957

SUBJECT: Destruction of Records Held by The Records Center

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1. On 20 March Mr. [] and I visited the Records Center [] to discuss with Mr. [] a number of possibilities to be explored in order to accomodate the inactive records which we estimate will be received by the Center and for which under present prospects we do not appear to have space available.

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2. At this time I discovered that there was an accumulation of 1,100 cubic feet of material in the Center awaiting destruction. It has been accumulating for a number of weeks and cannot be destroyed because there is no labor available []

3. I discussed this situation with [] and asked if he could do anything to provide sufficient labor to destroy these materials. He said that he was short of laborers, that he had brought this situation to the attention of his superiors and had not been able to obtain any relief. He felt that this was a problem that the Records Center should handle and that he did not have available now nor did he expect to have available in the future sufficient labor to take care of this continuing need.

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4. He agreed, however, that he would recruit uncleared labor locally, use it for certain projects on which clearance would not be required, and make available one cleared laborer for five weeks [] so that this accumulation of material can be destroyed. It was determined by his Administrative Officer that such a plan was feasible, that they have the authority to operate on such a basis, that they have sufficient funds to pay the laborer, and labor is available.

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5. The above agreement was satisfactory to me and it was my understanding that we would proceed along this line. It was further understood that, however, after this accumulation had been destroyed that [] labor could not be provided to take care of the continuing problem.

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6. [] said that he would call [] and advise him of this arrangement.

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